GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MILITANT ACTIVITIES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the terrorists organisations in North-East are raising funds by extortion and are also getting assistance through various illegal channels;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are also aware that some of the funds being received are being deposited by terrorists in various foreign Accounts through illegal channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to curb these illegal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e):Government is aware of terrorist organisations in North East who indulge in extortion and are getting assistance through various channels. Some of them are also reported having links with the Non-Government Organisations abroad, who provide funds through their own cover and also through friendly organisations. Some of the terrorist organisations are also maintaining Bank Accounts in foreign countries. A close watch is being kept on the activities of the terrorist organisations. Government has also declared certain organisations like United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) AS `Unlawful Associations`.